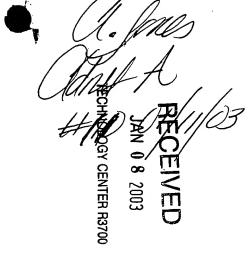


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AMENDMENT 🌉

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 21 as follows:



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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